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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF CLARKSTON TO AMEND CITY CHARTER SECTION 2.08, REGARDING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT TO HOLD CITY ELECTED OFFICE; TO AMEND THE CHARTER TO ALLOW ONE-YEAR RESIDENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD ELECTED OFFICE; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Charter currently provides that an individual must reside within the City for two years before he or she can be elected to the office of Mayor or City Council; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 45-2-1(1) sets a one year residency requirement for municipal office and does not allow for a City Charter to require a longer period of residency; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to amend its Charter pursuant to its home rule powers as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

Section 1.

The City Charter, City of Clarkston, Georgia, Section 2.08, is hereby amended by deleting the words “two years” from the clause “bona fide resident of the City of Clarkston for two years next proceeding the election” and replacing the words “two years” with the words “one year”.

Section 2.

The effective date of this ordinance is the date of its adoption at the second of two regular meetings of the City Council.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

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ATTEST:

**CITY COUNCIL OF
CITY OF CLARKSTON, GEORGIA**

Tracy Ashby, City Clerk
(SEAL)

Mayor Emanuel Ransom

Approved as to Form

Stephen G. Quinn, City Attorney